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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In re Application of :  
Sashikanth Chandrasekaran : Confirmation Number: 1436  
Serial No.: 09/871,853 : Group Art Unit: 2187  
Filed: May 31, 2001 : Examiner: Kimberley N. McClean  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING LATENCY AND MESSAGE  
TRAFFIC DURING DATA AND LOCK TRANSFER IN A MULTI-NODE  
SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until November 18, 2004. Please revise the subject application as indicated below. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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